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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
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SUBJECT: 18TH OAPEC SESSION ENDS

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1. CAIRO PRESS MAY 5 CARRIED NO REPORTING ON 18TH OAPEC
MINISTERIAL SESSION WHICH APPARENTLY ENDED MAY 3. MINISTERS
EVIDENTLY DID NOT MEET AGAIN MAY 4, LEAVING FINAL CONSIDERATION
OF TECHNICAL REPORTS TO EXECUTIVE BUREAU. ACCORDING OUR
MINPET SOURCES, ALL OAPEC MEMBER/STATES WERE REPRESENTED AT
MEETING. ALGERIAN MINISTER ABDAL SALEM ARRIVED LATE MAY 3,
BUT IN TIME TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL SESSION. LIBYAN DELEGATION
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WAS HEADED BY LIBYAN AMBASSADOR GHUQA.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF "PRESS STATEMENT" FROM MINPET
WHICH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.
STATEMENT MENTIONS THAT MINISTERS DECIDED PURSUE
PETROPROTEINS RESEARCH AND ORDERED FOLLOW-UP ON ESTABLISH-
MENT OF ARAB PETROLEUM TRAINING INSTITUTE AND ARAB

MARITIME COMPANY FOR PETROLEUM TRANSPORTATION. GENERAL SECRETARIAT CHARGED WITH PURSUING RESEARCH WHICH WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR ARAB REFINING POLICY (CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SHEIKH ABD AL-AZIZ BEN KHALIFA AL-THANI (QATAR) SAID ON HIS DEPARTURE THAT OAPEC MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE REFINING INDUSTRIES SET UP IN ARAB WORLD.) MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION OF DRYDOCK IN MEDITERRANEAN AND DECIDED CONVENE SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE TO DRAFT FORMULATION OF SPECIAL JUDICIAL ENTITY IN TA'IF SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 31, 1977. MEETING ALSO REVIEWED ORGANIZATION'S FIVE YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AND APPROVED 1976 FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. NEXT MINISTERS' MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN KUWAIT ON DECEMBER 14, 1977.

3. REGARDING DISCUSSION ABOUT OPEC PRICING POLICY OUR CONTACTS THUS FAR TELL US THAT NOTHING NEW CAME OUT OF OAPEC MINISTERS MEETING. SAUDI ARABIA CONTINUES TO INSIST ON HOLDING LINE ON PRICE INCREASES WITH KUWAIT AND OTHERS STILL PUSHING FOR UNIFIED PRICING STRUCTURE AT HIGHER LEVEL.

4. WE ARE TRYING TO SEE OAPEC EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBERS BEFORE THEY DEPART MAY 6 FOR MORE IN-DEPTH BRIEFING. EMBASSY KUWAIT WILL PROBABLY WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR CONTACTS AFTER OFFICIALS RETURN TO KUWAIT FROM CAIRO CONFERENCE.
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